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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/825,621

Filing Date: April 3, 2001

For: POLYKETIDE SYNTHASE ENZYMES
AND RECOMBINANT DNA
CONSTRUCTS THEREFOR

Examiner: Amelia A. Owens

Group Art Unit: 1625

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on April 8, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. Specifically, this is to address the Examiner's statement that the references crossed off the attached Form PTO-1449 were not in the parent case.

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Please note that some of the crossed off documents were considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application, Serial Number 09/410,551 filed October 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent Number 6,503,737, as indicated below.

Specifically, the document, number 14, cited on the attached Form PTO-1449, originally filed April 5, 2002, was considered by the Examiner on April 12, 2001; the document, number 5, was considered by the Examiner on April 21, 2001; and the documents, numbers 1-4, 8, 18-25, 28, 33 and 38, were considered by the Examiner on July 31, 2002, all in connection with the parent case. A copy of each was submitted with the parent application. A copy of each corresponding initialed Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be made of record in this application.

The remainder of the documents were considered in a related continuation-in-part of the parent application.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 300622002610.

Dated: May 7, 2003

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